

and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. KELLY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. KING, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. WARNER, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 3013. A bill to require the evaluation and standardization of suicide prevention efforts by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 3014. A bill to establish the Next Generation Telecommunications Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 3015. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to submit to Congress each year a national science and technology strategy, to require the Director to complete quadrennial science and technology reviews, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. COONS):

S. 3016. A bill to address out-of-pocket inequities related to military service uniforms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 3017. A bill to expand the provision and availability of dental care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3018. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 3019. A bill to require the United States Postal Service to designate a single, unique ZIP code for particular communities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 3020. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the eligibility of veterans for treatment as a low-income family for purposes of enrollment in the patient enrollment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to guarantee health care benefits for veterans enrolled in such system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 3021. A bill to provide non-medical counseling services for military families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3022. A bill to subject certain private funds to joint and several liability with respect to the liabilities of firms acquired and controlled by those funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 3023. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. KAINE, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3024. A bill to amend the State Justice Institute Act of 1984 to provide technical assistance and training to State and local courts to improve the constitutional and equitable enforcement of fines and fees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3025. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 3026. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure that public institutions of higher education eschew policies that improperly constrain the expressive rights of students, and to ensure that private institutions of higher education are transparent about, and responsible for, their chosen speech policies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3027. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Meserole Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Joseph R. Lentol Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3028. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, States and units of local government to develop, implement, or expand 1 or more programs to provide medication-assisted treatment to individuals who have opioid use disorder and are incarcerated within the jurisdictions of the States or units of local government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUJÁN:

S. 3029. A bill to amend section 230(c) of the Communications Act of 1934 to remove immunity for providers of interactive computer services for certain claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3030. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to issue a notice to the public regarding each enforcement action under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 that results in large penalties or where multiple violations or repeated other-than-serious violations are present; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. BURR):

S. 3031. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify certain allotments under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 3032. A bill to require certain manufactured goods introduced for sale in the United States to have a domestic value content of more than 50 percent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. OSSOFF):

S. 3033. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 3034. A bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 424. A resolution commemorating the 80th anniversary of the dedication of Sheppard Air Force Base and the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. ERNST, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 425. A resolution recognizing the importance of protecting freedom of speech, thought, and expression at institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 172

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 172, a bill to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

S. 868

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 868, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title and waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals with Huntington's disease.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to prevent maternal mortality and serve maternal

morbidity among Black pregnant and postpartum individuals and other underserved populations, to provide training in respectful maternity care, to reduce and prevent bias, racism, and discrimination in maternity care settings, and for other purposes.

S. 1115

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1115, a bill to prohibit drilling in the outer Continental Shelf, to prohibit coal leases on Federal land, and for other purposes.

S. 1151

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1151, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a presumption of service connected disability for certain veterans who served in Palomares, Spain, and for other purposes.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop best practices for the establishment and use of behavioral intervention teams at schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1544

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1544, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines, and for other purposes.

S. 1850

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1850, a bill to preserve the memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

S. 1986

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1986, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 to expand and expedite access to cardiac rehabilitation programs and pulmonary rehabilitation programs under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2102

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2102, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide mammography screening for veterans who served in locations associated with toxic exposure.

S. 2215

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr.

KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2215, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 2266

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 2266, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the historic rehabilitation tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 2400

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2400, a bill to establish a process for the Board on Geographic Names to review and revise offensive names of Federal land units, to create an advisory committee to recommend Federal land unit names to be reviewed by the Board, and for other purposes.

S. 2434

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2434, a bill to provide tax incentives that support local newspapers and other local media, and for other purposes.

S. 2675

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2675, a bill to amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to increase appropriations to Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 2700

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2700, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety officers, and for other purposes.

S. 2702

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) were added as cosponsors of S. 2702, a bill to protect the voting rights of Native American and Alaska Native voters.

S. 2716

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2716, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish country of origin labeling requirements for beef, and for other purposes.

S. 2750

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi

(Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2750, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a precision agriculture loan program, and for other purposes.

S. 2762

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2762, a bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants to eligible entities to carry out construction or modernization projects designed to strengthen and increase capacity within the specialized pediatric health care infrastructure, and for other purposes.

S. 2806

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2806, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and for other purposes.

S. 2854

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2854, a bill to allow for the transfer and redemption of abandoned savings bonds.

S. 2875

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2875, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Cyber Incident Review Office in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

S. 2900

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2900, a bill to suspend the enforcement of certain civil liabilities of Federal employees and contractors during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 2902

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2902, a bill to modernize Federal information security management, and for other purposes.

S. 2918

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2918, a bill to keep children safe and protect their interests on the internet, and for other purposes.

S. 2934

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2934, a bill to amend the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 to impose limitations on the authority of the President to adjust imports that are determined to threaten to impair national security, and for other purposes.

S. 2937

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2937, a bill to authorize humanitarian assistance and civil society support, promote democracy and human rights, and impose targeted sanctions with respect to human rights abuses in Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2945

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2945, a bill to include sexual assault and aggravated sexual violence in the definition of aggravated felonies under the Immigration and Nationality Act in order to expedite the removal of aliens convicted of such crimes.

S. 3011

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3011, a bill to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to allow States and local governments to use coronavirus relief funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act for infrastructure projects, improve the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, provide Tribal governments with more time to use Coronavirus Relief Fund payments, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 10

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 10, a joint resolution to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3022. A bill to subject certain private funds to joint and several liability with respect to the liabilities of firms acquired and controlled by those funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise to speak in support of legislation that I have recently joined Senator WARREN in introducing. It is called the Stop Wall Street Looting Act, and it concerns some of the practices and the business model of what I would describe as predatory private equity firms.

Now, before I dive into the details, I want to say that there are very good

private equity companies that invest in the businesses they have purchased and the communities and the workers.

But, unfortunately, this is something that I have firsthand knowledge of, the impact of predatory private equity businesses on workers and communities in my home State of Wisconsin. Several historic Wisconsin companies have been driven into bankruptcy or had their facilities moved overseas by the private equity funds and companies that acquired them.

The first company that I want to talk about is ShopKo. For those who weren't in the ShopKo footprint in the United States, ShopKo is a retailer that was founded in 1961 in Ashwaubenon, WI. ShopKo was bought by a private equity firm, after many profitable years of existence, back in 2005. The firm was Sun Capital Partners.

Sun Capital immediately executed what is known as a sale-leaseback. A sale-leaseback is a textbook private equity maneuver in which the fund sells the company's real estate right out from under it. Real estate and the facilities were the most major asset that ShopKo had.

Certainly, they also had inventory and workers, but they owned the real estate, and this private equity firm basically sold ShopKo's 351 locations with hundreds of millions of dollars, and they were sold to a company that would lease the land and buildings back to ShopKo.

Sun Capital promised to reinvest the proceeds of the sale back into the company, but instead it paid out cash to itself in the form of dividends and management fees. Not only was ShopKo prevented from using its cash to reinvest, it was also loaded up with \$200 million more in additional debt to fund even more payouts to Sun Capital executives.

After years of being starved of investment, ShopKo was forced into bankruptcy and liquidation in 2019. The 3,000 Wisconsin workers were promised severance pay in exchange for working through the company's final days.

I mean, if you think about that, you have a retail store. You don't want everybody to—the day they find out that store is ultimately going to close—to go out and find other jobs or you don't have the way to wind down your business. So they were promised severance pay in exchange for working through the company's final days. But when the time came to pay the workers, Sun Capital said it didn't have any money.

When I met with these ShopKo workers, I remember meeting Kristi Van Beckum. She said to me:

I always felt proud to work at ShopKo because it was a Wisconsin-based company and it invested a lot in the community. But I saw how Sun Capital sold out ShopKo's properties and [literally] destroyed the company, all for their own benefit. They made millions while I didn't even get the severance I was promised. Sun Capital ran a company we loved into the ground.

More recently, I visited with workers at Hufcor, a company that has oper-

ated in Janesville, WI, for over 120 years. In 2017, the manufacturer was acquired by a private equity firm called OpenGate Capital.

Wisconsinites are sadly already familiar with OpenGate. This is an L.A.-based private equity fund that bankrupted another Wisconsin firm, Golden Guernsey Dairy, back in 2013, only 2 years after acquiring it, laying off hundreds of workers in Waukesha, WI.

Dairy workers showed up one day to find the doors locked. They were given no notice of their layoff, and they had to fight OpenGate for 8 years just to get their back pay.

This past summer, OpenGate notified the 166 workers at Hufcor that their jobs would be terminated, and the workers soon learned that the manufacturing operations would be moved to Monterrey, Mexico.

When I visited with the workers this summer, I learned this from Michelle, who had worked for Hufcor for 23 years. She told me she is anxious about what training she might need to get another job that will pay what she earned at Hufcor.

Then I also heard from Jesse. He was diagnosed with cancer 2 years ago, and he depends upon the health benefit provided by Hufcor for his treatment.

These workers had great benefits because of their representation by the Communications Workers of America union and because of their employment at Hufcor, but they were left with an uncertain future because OpenGate has decided to move their jobs to Mexico.

These stories illustrate the devastation that the predatory private equity business model has wrought on my State. These workers deserve better. We need to rip up private equity's predatory playbook that enriches looters, but leaves workers with nothing but pink slips.

I was proud to work with Senator WARREN to introduce the aptly named Stop Wall Street Looting Act. This legislation will prevent private equity firms from enriching themselves by starving businesses of investment and running them into bankruptcy or shipping their jobs overseas. This bold reform will help rewrite the rules of our economy and protect workers from the predatory practices so that we can start to reward hard work, not just wealth.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the stories from my State, and I look forward to working to pass this important legislation.